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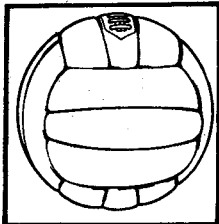
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Victorians must win

In the first interstate match of the season, Victoria have two scores to settle in their clash with South Australia at Olympic Park on Easter Monday.

By ALISTAIR COOK

First, they must prove to local fans that the diabolical display against Moscow Dynamo did not represent the true skill and endeavor of the players who wore Victoria's colors.

And, in addition, they must wipe out the memory of a shoddy display and an inglorious win over the South Australians last year.

Even if Victoria lost to South Australia, no fair-minded critic

would slate the players, the coach or manager if they went down fighting and showed real, honest endeavor.

This time, indeed, I feel Victoria have an excellent chance of getting back on the rails.

They have held the whip hand over the South Australians for many years and the gap between the States shows no real signs of closing.

We are not only in the position of playing second fiddle to New South Wales, but could easily lose our tag as the next best State side in Australia.

South Australia are a well drilled unit and played with distinction against Rumania (twice), Inter Bratislava as well as giving Moscow Dynamo a real fright before going under 3-1.

Not only for the prestige of the State side but for the whole of Victorian soccer, it is essential Victoria wins and wins well against South Australia.

At the time of going to press, the composition of the Victorian side had not been announced.

At least one newcomer who deserves a chance is Geoff Gould, the South Melbourne Hellas winger.



J.U.S.T. half-back Cedo Cirkovic flies high above a Melbourne attacker to clear a ball in the J.U.S.T. - Melbourne hard-fought 1-1 draw at Middle Park.

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Warning to old hands

But let Victoria be warned, especially the older hands of the team, who are likely to form the nucleus of the side.

Unless they show an about-turn in their performances, they will be in grave danger of losing their places in the State side.

For this State can no longer carry players on a reputation basis only.

RETURN TRIP FOR NORMAN

South Australia's squad could be:—

Romanowicz, Nyskohus, Kefaloundis, Kouzapa, Burdett, Perin, Pantelis, Wetton, Serafini, Birch, Norman, Kolecki, Zervas.

Eric Norman is the former Juventus (Melbourne) centre, now with Juventus (Adelaide). Coach of the South Australian side is Edmund Kreft who is also sole selector.

Now 42, Kreft who is Polish-born, played with Gdansk in Poland and at 33 migrated to South Australia when he played with Polonia.



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Focus on the state league second round - with Alistair Cook

FOOTSCRAY THIS TIME

With opening round hit by the weather, soccer fans will be hoping for more favourable conditions for the second round of the State League competition this weekend.

And with 10 clubs having 90 minutes of the new season under their belt with Slavia and Hakoah 25 minutes short, managements have had some opportunity to assess their chances for the 1970 season.

Pride of place for this week is clash between Footscray J.U.S.T. and South Melbourne Hellas — a repeat of the Ampol Cup final.

Ring. City v. Polonia v. Slavia

The Ringwood side who had one of the easiest wins of the opening round against George Cross, will find Melbourne a much stiffer test. Rogers and Co. could make it hot for a Wilhelmina defence in which local products Bailey and Bens look promising.

By the same token, the experienced Ringwood attack, spearheaded by the lethal shot of Spiekerman, could give the reinvigorated Melbourne defence a trying time.

Home ground advantage should help Wilhelmina and Melbourne may have to be at their best to get even one point.

Inconsistency in finishing and their failure to make the most out of half scoring chances is a complex which Polonia must rid themselves of if they hope to get better than average results.

Much of their good lead-up work and thoughtful approach play is nullified by their pathetic attempts to score.

Slavia with their slow motion style know what they want to do but take too long to make their minds up to do it. Slavia must speed up and be more imaginative if they hope to make the surprise element of the game really count.

Polonia could take the points — if they have their shooting boots on.

Juventus v. Lions

Although Juventus have two points safely tucked away they cannot be too happy on how they achieved their win or the performance of their defence as a whole. Attackwise they have the flair for scoring and Bryan Thomson, at centre, provides a constant threat.

Lions, not too well prepared in attack and in some positions in defence, will have to rely on their mid-line trio of McCarthy, Murray and Collier to stop the rot.

Lions are sure to fight it out in their usual fashion. But I doubt if they have material to stop the experienced Juventus from recording their second successive win.

Fitzroy United v. Croatia

Don't be misled by the close defeat Alexander suffered against S.M. Hellas in assessing their chances against Croatia.

And even although Alexander are reported to have a bundle of newcomers arriving which will drastically alter their formation, they will still be battling to get one point against a good and well established side such as Croatia.

No-one outside of Alexander can say with any authority how good or bad their newcomers will be. So they must be judged on their present line-up.

And that is not good enough to upset the strong going Croatia.

Fitzroy J.U.S.T. v. S.M. Hellas

Neither side was impressive in the opening round and quite frankly they belied their reputations as Ampol Cup winners and runners-up. JUST, not unusually, al-

most lost both points against Melbourne through the leasing temperaments of a few of their players while the South Melbourne performance against Alexander was so shoddy that less than half the side escaped criticism.

However JUST are on their best behavior and in their best form are a good side and hard to beat anywhere even at Schintler Reserve.

Despite the fact Hellas only three weeks ago beat them in the Ampol Cup final I expect the Footscray side to reverse the decision here.

Hakoah v. George Cross

Hakoah appear as they have done for so many years now, just an average side

while George Cross, despite several new signings, look just as bad as they have been in recent seasons.

With a fairly strong backbone, Hakoah have brought some life into their attack through the inclusion of Bobby Robertson, ex-Juventus. But Robertson needs better and closer support to be more effective.

George Cross, even at this early stage, look in serious trouble and until they can sort out and solve their defensive problems, they cannot hope to assess how effective their attack can be.

For the Cross defence at present is so bogged down in trying to stop the opposition, they have no time to feed their attack.

Hakoah look a good bet for full points.

Weekend fixtures

STATE LEAGUE ROUND II

Saturday

R'wood City Wilhelmina v. Melbourne (Jubilee Pk., Ringwood).
Polonia v. Pt. Melb. Slavia (Maribyrnong Res.)
Juventus v. Lions (Olympic Park)

Sunday

Fitzroy Utd. Alexander v. Croatia (Olympic Park)
Footscray J.U.S.T. v. Sth. Melb. Hellas (Schintler Res.)
Hakoah v. George Cross (Middle Park)

DOCKERTY CUP

Preliminary Round II

Corio v. Green Gully Ajax
Albion Rovers or Springvale v. Preston Macedonia

Sunshine City v. Altona
Monash Uni. v. Western Suburbs ICI
Mooroolbark v. Coburg
Park Rangers v. Yallourn
Eltham v. Brighton
Clayton v. Bayswater
Broadmeadows City v. St. Albans
Sandringham v. Prahran
Box Hill v. Univ. of Melbourne
Nth. Carlton Olympic v. Maribyrnong Trierina.
Waverley v. Ringwood United
Elwood Austria v. Doncaster Rovers
Dandenong v. Croydon
Keilor City v. Ferntree Gully.

Springvale to take replay

Metropolitan League with GEORGE YELLAND

Sixteen Dockerty Cup games will be played on Saturday. One of these will be a replay of the first round, the Albion Rovers-Springvale clash, which was abandoned, scoreless, at half-time last week.

In the 45 minutes played, Albion and Springvale both fought hard.

There were near misses at both ends, with M. Borg performing particularly well in Albion's goal.

Newly signed player-coach Tony Vella played a constructive, sweeper role for Albion, whose overall performance gives them confidence for the replay.

Right back J. Munro and spearhead J. Stuart were others to take the eye in a forceful and determined side.

Springvale showed touches of class in the way they built up attacking moves. Their defence was generally sound, with D. Hyde a commanding figure as pivot.

Forwards H. Rubens and J. Beesley were constructive and frequently dangerous. They menaced Albion's goal whenever they had the ball in their opponents' half.

The replay should be a beauty, but I think Springvale's greater experience and cohesion will carry the day narrowly.

Tough for Sunshine

Sunshine City overcame Heidelberg 3-0.

The result was expected, but City will not have an easy passage this

week, when they entertain Altona in the second round.

Ground advantage may just carry the day for Sunshine.

Green Gully Ajax go to Geelong, where they face up to Corio.

An upsurge of interest in the area will make Corio eager and enthusiastic opponents, but Green Gully's all-round strength will prove too much.

Ajax to proceed to the third round.

Monash University entertain Western Suburbs I.C.I. The combine from Deer Park proved a workmanlike combination last season and should be too much for the students.

Western Suburbs to win.

Mooroolbark had a wonderful season in 1969. They are a happy and successful club with plenty of talent.

They face Coburg, who were a trifle unlucky to be relegated from First Division last year.

Coburg are a strong side with a number of skilful ball players. They should prove too strong for the home side and move into Round 3.

Latrobe Valley visitors, Yallourn, should overcome the Park-Rangers obstacle and Brighton will be much too experienced for Diamond Valley hosts, Eltham.

The derby game between Clayton and Bayswater should see the youthful home side move into the next round.

Glenroy, under their new label, Broadmeadows City, face almost inevitable defeat at the hands of strong First Division club St. Albans.

Last year's State League side, Box Hill, will be untroubled by Melbourne University, and Elwood Austria will be too much for up-and-coming Doncaster Rovers.

Other clubs which appear to have easy ties are Dandenong and Keilor City, who should have no difficulty eliminating Croydon and Ferntree Gully, respectively.

Metropolitan clubs were invited to contact me if they want publicity in Soccer News. So far only one has done so.

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Likely line-up

SLAVIA: Kuhn, Sheddin, Harrie, Reed, McEwan, Zanetta, Livingstone, Steele, Gildes, Sio, Jones, Paul.

HAKOAH: Henderson, Douglas, Baker, Panther, O'Neill, Stenhouse, Fry, Dragojevic, Lane, Bridgeman, Cameron, Robertson, Wasidy.

MELBOURNE: McLeod, McGowan, Saabo, Juhasz, Keri, Wallace, Pocock, Rogers, Davis, Bleskany, Koronai, Urban, Carmichael, Scott.

J.U.S.T.: Milisavjevic, Utesenovic, Ruzmir, Mido, Rice, Cirkovic, Zorala, Evans, Lukic, Stankovic, Buljevic, Colovic.

LIONS: Evans, Kulyk, Schwartz, Murray, Bartley, Murray, Rosewell, Starzak, Horner, Smart, McCarthy, Keenan, Outten, Collinson.

CROATIA: Volgt, Kovacek, Bot, Gunn, Springton, Williams, Rau, McIntyre, Vojtek, Rajner, Hargreaves, Williamson.

JUVENTUS: Reilly, Thomson, Kinnell, Irvine, Goodwin,

Webster, Frost, Dockerty, B. Thomson, Di Marchi, Sandison, Dell A'Rocca, Salisbury.

POLONIA: Litwin, Knot, Czarnik, Sowula, Olinowski, Zurawski, Millar, Closs, Slwka, Malloy, Szalinski, Marmur.

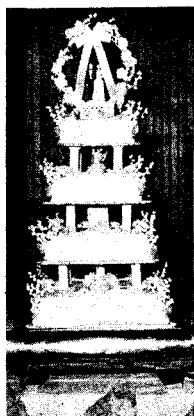
GEORGE CROSS: Kastner, Wicks, Friedberg, Kelly, Ireland, Sanchez, Hayward, Walker, Gardiner, Fryde, Truskowski, McLachlan, Epifano.

WILHELMINA: Van Edmond, Pye, Feenstra, Pygal, Ward, Edgeley, Bunce, Spiekerman, O'Toole, Bailey, Bens, Adams.

S.M. HELLAS: Stephens, Kelly, Krizlar, Bedford, Walker, High, Gorrie, Kamboropolous, Armstrong, Ackerley, Gould, Lazeman.

ALEXANDER: Sponomedes, Xantopolous, Tikitakis, Self, Krizlar, Glennie, Papacostantion, Racovais, Gytkalamos, Mangopolous, Fokianos, Karapatos.

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Thrills and spills in kick-off

It was a battle of the giants at Middle Park on Sunday.

Peter Self, of Alexander, and Steve Walker, of South Melbourne Hellas — both about 6 ft. 3 ins. — dominated the Greek derby with brilliant defensive work.

Their height made them clear winners in the air and both won their respective duels against dangerous forwards.

Self never let Jimmy Armstrong out of his sight. Towards the end of the game, Armstrong continuously went into defence, trying to bring the ball forward rather than have Self breathe down his neck.

Walker blanketed Jimmy Mangopoulos, who was never allowed to look dangerous.

Alexander, which was expected to receive a hiding from the accomplished Hellas, surprised the crowd of 6000 with a display of efficient head-up work, fierce tackling and strong defence.

Hellas, although winning 1-0, lacked a man like Andrew Tolianis who was able to hold the ball in midfield and initiate attacking moves.

If Alexander had a couple of strong strikers, it would have won this match.

As it turned out, Ulysses Kokkinos, who had been playing poorly, latched onto a stray ball in the 53rd minute and rammed it past John Kennedy to give Hellas victory.

TEAMS
S.M. HELLAS: Stephens, Kelly, Kyriazis, Bedford, Walker, High, Kokkinos, Ackley, Armstrong, Gorrie, Gould.
F.U. ALEXANDER: Kennedy, Tzikakakis (C. Kallio), Glennie, Kyriazis, T. Xanthopoulos, Self, Rakovalas (Karakostas S.), Glykolas, Mangopoulos, P. Kianos, Brown.

George Cross 0 v. Wilhelmia 3.

Ringwood City had a convincing win over George Cross to open their account in this season's title race.

Archie Campbell, playing his first game for Ringwood against his old club, was quickly in action taking a cross from Bunce out on the right wing and firing just wide.

With the Orangemen on top against a lethargic George Cross defence, a goal just had to come and at the 14 minute mark Pyc made no mistake when he collected a neat pass from captain-coach Edgely and shot hard into the net giving Lou Kestner no chance.

Epitiano, who signed for Cross just before the game, was prominent in their few attacking moves but with a defence under constant pressure they did well to contain the Ringwood strikers until just before half time.

Campbell, operating wide on the right wing, broke in swiftly and drawing Kestner, crossed the ball across an open goalmouth to the waiting Freddie Bunce who scored with ease.

Two nil down at half-time and now playing into a stiff breeze, George Cross fought back with vigour.

Epitiano was a constant menace having switched to the left wing and gave young Robert Bailey, playing his first

Giants rule in the air

senior game for City, a hot time.

With Edgely moving from his role of midfield general, Ringwood were not as fluent, their rare attacks building up slowly and too often crumbling against rocky bulk of George Cross stopper Paul Keir.

But, you have to score goals to win games and the home team riftered away too many chances.

With barely five minutes left, Spiekermann raced down the left wing and pulled back a beautiful ball which Edgely tapped across the goalmouth where the waiting Bunce, for the second time, gratefully scored a gift goal.

Crowd: 900.

Melbourne 1 v. Footscray J.U.S.T. 1.

On a ground more suited to water skiing, good soccer was sunk without trace when league champions Footscray drew with a re-shaped Melbourne side on Saturday at Middle Park.

Now under the control of Stala and former Buller coach, Ziv Rasic, and showing seven changes from last year's side, Melbourne were first to show with Blekany and Wallace linking well on the dryer Lakeside.

After 15 minutes, referee Greenwood awarded a hotly disputed indirect free kick near the Footscray penalty spot.

Rogers laid off the ball to Alistair Scott standing wide



McDonald, Juhász, Szabo, McGowan, Scott, Kerr, Wallace, Pocock, Rogers, Bleskany, Sub. Davis for Pocock (injury) 75 min.

CROWD: 1100.

Lions 1 v. Croatia 5.

A two-goal lead for Croatia at half-time was not a true reflection of the play at this stage.

Lions started off with a bang and despite losing a goal within six minutes, kept a good grip of the midfield but were not matched by forcefulness in attack.

In the second half, the Lions defence cracked and lost another goal before they managed to reduce the arrears.

The writing was now on the wall for the Essendon side and before the finish they lost another two goals to a Croatia side which was clearly superior in most departments.

Scorers — Lions: Horner. Croatia: McIntyre (2), Ear-graves, Vojtek, Williams.

TEAMS
LIONS: Evans, Roseweir, Schwartz, McCarthy, Murray, Collinson, Stancak, Horner, O'Brien, (Kutyk), Smart, Kestman.
CROATIA: Kovacek, Bot, Gunn, Symington, Williams, Rau, McIntyre, Rajhar, Vojtek, McKay, Hargreaves.
CROWD: 1000.

Juventus 3 v. Polonia 1.

Juventus struggled to win so convincingly at the finish and never at any stage of the game did they have the hallmarks of a great side.

Juventus' troubles were mostly wrapped up in the poor and shoddy displays of several of their big names in defence who got a roasting from a Polonia attack that failed to capitalize on several good scoring chances.

Polonia showed up well in the first 15 minutes then fell away as Juventus took over and scored.

It was not until Juventus scored again in 58 minutes that Polonia sprang back to life and when they reduced the arrears in 74 minutes, they were still in with a chance of splitting the points.

However, another goal by Juventus six minutes from the end was the finish of Polonia.

Scorers — Juventus: Kinnell, Irvine, B. Thomson. Polonia: Malloy.
CROWD: 3000.

TEAMS
JUVENTUS: Kelly, Della Rocca, Kinnell, Irvine, R. Thomson, Salisbury, Goodwin, Frost, B. Thomson, McCall (Frost), Sandison.
POLONIA: Litwin (Sealinski), Knot, Sewula, Casprik, Zurawski, Czerniecki, Miller (Wagner), Olinowski, Siwka, Glos, Malloy.

Slavia game called off

When referee Jim Dixon surprisingly called a halt to proceedings after 65 minutes, Slavia looked capable of hanging in there.

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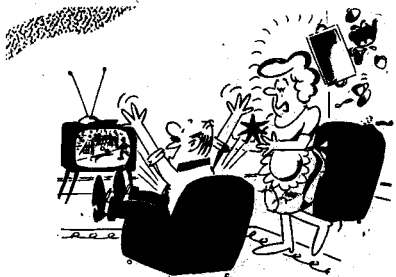
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Juventus' Australian international forward clashes in a heading duel with a Polonia defender in the game at Olympic Park. Polonia goalkeeper Miro Litwin waits anxiously in his goal. Juventus won 3-1.



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Footscray	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
F.M. Slavia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hakoah	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Polonia	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Lions	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Alexander	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
George Cross	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

Votes for first round

Votes in the best and fairest competition (see Page 1) are:—

South Melbourne Hellas: 3
 Walker, 1 High, 1 Bedford.
 Fitzroy United Alexander:
 3 Self, 2 P. Kianos, 1 Kyriazis.
 (George Cross: 2) Ireland, 1 Reid.
 Ringwood City: 3 Pygall, 2
 Pyc, 1 Bunce.
 Footscray: 3 Stankovic, 2
 Buljer, 1 Rice.

Melbourne: 3 Scott, 2
 Rogers, 1 Carmichael.
 Juventus: 3 B. Thomson,
 2 Irvine, 1 Goodwin.
 Polonia: 3 Casprik, 2 Zur
 awski, 1 Glos.
 Lions: 3 McCarthy, 2 Col-
 linson, 1 Murray.
 Croatia: 3 McIntyre, 2
 Williams, 1 Hargreaves.

First round goalkeepers:—
 2 McIntyre (C), Bunce (W).
 1 Scott (M).
 (J.U.S.T.): Horner (L),
 Kokkinos (H), Hargreaves
 (C), Vojtek (C), Williams
 (C), Spiekermann (W),
 Kinnell (J), Irvine (J),
 Ryan (J).
 Bobby Thomson (J) or for
 Polonia.

Hellas show way to get tough

It seems State League players need have nothing to fear from the tribunal.

Instead, they should expect any harsh punishment to come from their clubs.

That's the only impression that can be formed from comparing the respective judgments of the tribunal and South Melbourne-Hellas in the Bouis Kamboropoulos case.

During the Ampol Cup final replay, Hellas captain Kamboropoulos was replaced by coach Lou Brodie.

As Kamboropoulos walked towards the players' race, nearby spectators indicated in no uncertain terms that they disapproved of his replacement.

A few minutes later Kamboropoulos returned from the dressing rooms, carrying his guernsey in his hand.

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He stormed towards the touchline and flung the guernsey on to the playing field. Then he took off his boots and they followed suit.

Spectators stormed the coach's bench and police had to force them back. But one man succeeded in hitting Brodie.

Kamboropoulos faced the tribunal last Wednesday night — and got away with a \$20 fine.

But the following evening he was hit hard. The South Melbourne Hellas committee fined him \$100 and suspended him for two matches.

It was the highest cash fine the club had yet inflicted.

Hellas secretary Terry Lillis explained the committee had taken into consideration Kamboropoulos' eight years' service with the club — **JOE MAJOR**.

ALBION ROVERS, 1967: Standing from left — Alex McArthur (team manager), Tommy Cree, Tommy McMorrow, Pat Coyle, Mick Borg, Franz Berens, Mick Hope, Tony Berens (president). Front — Claude Fortina, Charlie Bussutill, Billy Cree, Jim Olver, Ronnie Stevenson, Jock Glass.



FIRST DIVISION THEIR TARGET-WITH LUCK

Rovers out to end the jinx

Albion Rovers were the unluckiest team of 1969.

Half-way through the season promotion seemed a certainty. Top players had been recruited and they were leading Albion to easy victories week after week.

Then it happened! Tommy McMorrow broke his leg in April, and then star linkman Tony Gallagher suffered a cartilage injury.

Next, goal machine Bernie McQuillan was suspended for six weeks. Then came Ronnie Stevenson, dislocated shoulder; Jimmy Melrose, broken ribs; John McKenna, broken foot; Charlie Bussutill, back injury and Joe Keenan, strained ligaments.

In addition, former Melbourne star Tony Gregal packed his bag and went

to work on an oil rig in Bass Strait.

Week by week the team lost its best players and, after being a contender for the flag, Albion Rovers almost became a candidate for relegation.

The team was lucky to finish as high as eighth. But this year it'll be a different story.

Gallagher is recovering after having his cartilage removed, Gregal has returned, Stevenson's coming back from a holiday in Scotland and all other players are fit.

JOE MAJOR continues his series on State and Metropolitan League clubs. This week he turns the spotlight on Albion Rovers of the Second Division.

Division ladder. The first year, the Saints missed promotion only on goal average.

Says Albion Rovers' chairman Lou Schembri: "We hope Tony can do with Albion what he did with St. Albans."

The team may be further strengthened by a number of Scottish players, who have written to the club. Negotiations are still under way.

Albion is one of the most progressive clubs in the Metropolitan League.

It's ground, Selwyn Park, formerly the home of George Cross, is probably the best outside State League.

And the club's junior policy is gaining more strength all the time.

Bought a van

Recently the committee purchased a kombi van to transport its juniors to and from matches.

Albion Rovers were founded in 1963 by Dave Berry, who has been president since. Sam Wilson, the first secretary, Alex McArthur,

Russ Wilson, John Eggington, John Duncan and Bill Martin.

Using Castley Reserve, Sunshine, Albion entered a team in Fourth Division the following year. Among the first players were John Berry, who was also coach; Tony Berens, Tony van Aist and Hank Berens, who joined from Hollandia; Jim Olver, Stan Sexton and Mick Hope from Sunshine City, as well as Tommy Cree and Danny Fitzpatrick.

After a successful season, Albion missed promotion by one point. In 1965 the club switched

grounds with the now defunct Libertas, which had been based at Barrett Reserve.

It also bagged a number of new players. Among them were Billy Cree and Johnny Stuart, who were to become two of Albion's greats.

Cree, a midfield master, was brought from Sunshine City, Stuart, who had played for Inverurie Loco in Scotland, scored over 30 goals in his first season and headed the scoring list every successive season he played in.

Among his greatest feats in 1965 were single

game totals of five and seven goals.

Other players recruited in 1965 were left-winger Tommy McMorrow from Libertas, centre-half Franz Berens and right-winger Charlie Bussutill, from Ajax.

The newcomers made the difference that won Albion promotion to Third Division.

Then came Albion's best season on record. Strengthened by Sunshine City full-back Pat Coyle, Rob Roy (Scotland), inside-forward Ronnie Stevenson and Sunshine City left-winger Jimmy Melrose, Albion lost only two games — to Heidelberg and Hercules — to win the flag and move up to Second Division.

The stars of that year were Mick Hope in defence and Johnny Stuart, who again scored over 30 goals.

Now the club sensed success. Aiming for First Division, Albion again recruited top players.

Left-winger Bill Copeland, who had played for Footscray, George Cross, Richmond, Juventus and Maribyrnong Triestina, came in to strengthen the forward line. He scored in almost every match and was runner-up to Stuart on the sharpshooters' list.

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Success must come



Joe Keenan (left) . . . joined Rovers from George Cross.

Mick Borg joined from Deer Park ICI at the age of 18 and has been the team's regular goalkeeper since.

Other acquisitions were centre-forward Bernie McQuillan, from Lions, and linkman Frank McCann, from Melbourne.

Dave Berry became a Sunshine councillor and relinquished his chairmanship of the committee to become honorary president.

Wilson chairman

Russ Wilson took over as chairman and the new team manager was Lou Schembri, a George Cross official for 17 years.

After all the new players had joined the team, Albion won 13 games straight, but lost the last three to finish fifth.

After a lot of hard work, Albion, in 1968, finally clinched Selwyn Park, which George Cross had vacated the previous year.

Fully fenced, with a grandstand and a capacity of 15,000, Selwyn Park was

quickly recognised as the best ground in the Metropolitan League.

Goalkeeper John Grady came that year and Robert Melrose switched from Sunshine City.

But work interrupted Stuart's career. He played only occasional games and relinquished his goal scoring crown to McQuillan.

Albion was well in the running once more, but gain missed promotion — time finishing fourth.

The near misses did not deter Albion's officials. They knew the team had to do better, so they set out on another recruiting mission.

Tony Gregal joined from Melbourne, Tony Gallagher from Ajax, Joe Keenan from George Cross, Duncan Carmichael from Moreland and Joe McLean from Park Rangers.

In addition, Albion sponsored three migrants — right-back Jim Munro from Scotland, right-winger John McKenna from Scotland and left-back Dave McLeod, also a Scot, who played in the Rhodesian First Division.

Linkman David Ross also joined.

On paper Albion looked unbeatable. The players stormed into the season full of confidence but then a spate of injuries sent them toppling to eighth place.

But the club received some compensation when the reserve team won the flag.

So, here goes 1970. Albion's Scots are following King Bruce's philosophy. If you keep trying, you must succeed.

But Albion will be without Tony Berens, who has retired and Robert Melrose who's gone back to Sunshine City.

McMorrow doesn't look like he'll play again, McCann is in Sydney and McQuillan in Perth.

Albion will field four junior teams — under 10's, under 12's, under 14's and under 16's.

Took over juniors

The club began playing juniors in 1967, when it took over the junior club, South Sunshine.

Three juniors who look like making the grade when they mature are right-winger Angus Norris, centre-forward Paul Leishman and goalkeeper Gary Bentley, who represented Victoria as an under 14.

Former senior coach Billy Cree has taken over as junior coach and will work with junior chairman Eddy Coursey and treasurer Laurie Wagner.

One of the club's main sources of revenue is the ladies' social committee, which was started by Sylvia Baxter and Gertha McArthur.

Meet the players

MICK BORG, 20: Goalkeeper, joined 1967 from Deer Park ICI. Represented Metropolitan League, 1969.

JOHN GRADY, 24: Goalkeeper, from England, '68.

JIM MUNRO, 28: Right-back from Scotland, 1969. Represented British Service in Singapore.

DAVID McLEOD, 26: Left-back, from Rhodesian First Division 1969.

TOMMY CREE, 28: Linkman, played in Albion's original team in 1964.

BILLY CREE, 30: Linkman, joined from Sunshine City in 1965. Has coached Albion and is one of its finest players.

HUGH RAFFERTY, 23: Linkman. Great prospect from Ardeer Thistle, Scotland, 1970.

TONY GREGAL, 35: Centre-half or half-back, from Melbourne, 1968. Played in Scotland for St. Mir and Montrose.

TONY VELLA, 39: Linkman, joined as player coach, 1970. Represented Malta, Victoria, Australia, played for George Cross, Footscray, Polonia, Lions; coached J.U.S.T., George Cross, St. Albans.

TONY GALLAGHER, 27: Linkman, from Ajax, '69. Played for Alexander and in Scotland for Vale of Leven.

JOE McLEAN, 27: Centre-half, from Park Rangers 1969. Ex-Melbourne and Libertas.

DAVID ROSS, 22: Right-winger, from Scotland 1969.

JOHN McKENNA, 22: Right-winger, from Scotland 1969.

JIMMY MELROSE, 27: Inside-forward, from Sunshine City 1968.

CHARLIE BUSSUTILL, 26: Inside-forward, from Ajax 1968.

JOHNNY STUART, 28: Centre-forward, from Scotland 1966. Club's top scorer, back this season after missing last year.

FRANZ BERENS, 23: Centre-forward, originally a centre-half or half-back, been transformed into a forward by Tony Vella. Joined from Ajax 1966.

DUNCAN CARMICHAEL, 35: Left-winger, from Moreland 1968. Ex-Hakoah.

RONNIE STEVENSON, 26: Inside-forward, from Scotland 1966.

BERNIE McQUILLAN, 32: Centre-forward, joined 1968 and was top scorer the same season. Played for Lions, Hakoah, Alexander and Duntocher Hibs in Scotland. Currently working in Perth but might be back early in the season.



• TONY GREGAL . . . ex St. Mirren.

★ SOCCER SIDELINES

Once a powerful side in Victorian soccer, Second Division side Brighton have suffered a rebuff in their bid to sign Juventus full-back Ray Seward.

Brighton last week announced the signing of 24-year-old Seward, a former Newcastle United and Hartlepool United player — and at a record transfer for the former State League club.

But the announcement was premature, although agreement had been reached between the two clubs and the player.

For now Seward, who worked with International Resistors Holdings in Melbourne, has been transferred to the company's plant at Kingsgrove in New South Wales.

He could now join a club in the Harbor City.

With the transfer of Archie Campbell to Wilhelmnia, there are now no George Cross survivors of the team which won the Australian Cup in 1965.

The victorious Cross side of that era was Hobson, Sacco, McDaid, Brown, Adams, McPherson, Campbell, Goldie, Hodgson, Petersen and Copeland.

Copeland, Hobson and Sacco are all out of the game. Brown, McPherson and Hodgson are with Box Hill, McDaid is with Melbourne, Adams with Wilhelmnia, Petersen with Hollandia in Brisbane, while Goldie, after a spell with Melita Eagles in Sydney, is now back in Scotland.

Carmichael, a Scot who originally went to Wilhelmnia as a forward, but later moved to Lions, where he became their regular first team goalkeeper before the arrival of Bobby Evans.

Victoria were the biggest losers with the A.S.F. decision to stop paying States the pools monies for 1969, 1970 and 1971.

Before the A.S.F. decision one New South Wales delegate showed he was unhappy that Victoria's allocation should be bigger than that of New South Wales.

The delegate concern-

ed should, if he is well informed, know that Victoria supplies a much bigger share of the fixtures for the British soccer pools and therefore are entitled to a bigger handout.

Moreland, a force in State League soccer in the late 50s and now figuring in the Metropolitan Second Division, are affiliated with the powerful United Kingdom Settlers Association in Melbourne.

The struggling Moreland, despite having a full-page plug on their club and its activities in the U.K.S.A.'s monthly magazine, have so far failed to arouse the enthusiasm of the British in their bid to get new members.

Surprise deal of last week was the swap which saw wing half or winger Paul Deeming, of Melbourne, join Auburn, of Sydney, in exchange for goalkeeper Tom Carmichael.

Deeming, an Englishman who joined South Melbourne - Hellas two years ago, also figured in an exchange deal when he joined Melbourne.

Carmichael, a Scot who originally went to Wilhelmnia as a forward, but later moved to Lions, where he became their regular first team goalkeeper before the arrival of Bobby Evans.

Dario Epifano turned out for George Cross on the left wing against Wilhelmnia. Epifano is the second Juventus player to move to George Cross this year, as John Pryde joined them earlier in the season.

David Breslin, a left-winger for Croatia Reserves for the past four years, has been transferred to Brighton.



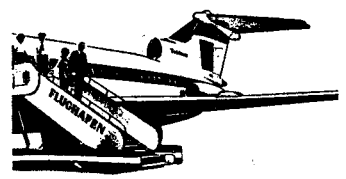
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1967: Fifth in Second Division.

1968: Fourth in Second Division.

1969: Eighth in Second Division.

Goalkeepers in action as big league begins



Ackerley of Hellas, twists himself in mid-air as he vainly tries to head past Alexander's goalkeeper, Kennedy.



Melbourne goalkeeper Tommy Carmichael goes up with a double-fisted leap during a J.U.S.T. attack.

SOCCER QUIZ

By Alistair Cook

A weekly feature which will not only test your memory, but also rack your brains. Score ten out of ten — and you're a genius. And if you score seven or over, you're a soccer marvel.

If you can top the halfway mark, class yourself as good. But if you answer less than three correctly, it's time you brushed up your knowledge of your favorite game by buying Soccer News regularly.

Here we go . . .

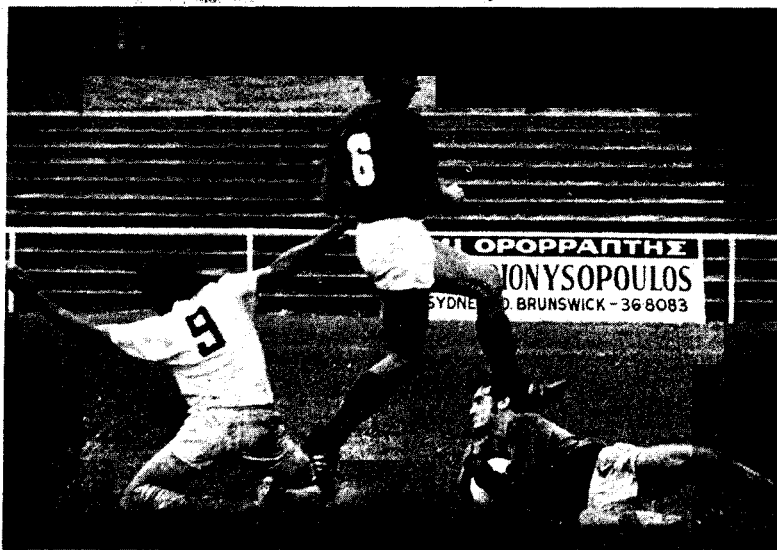
1. Who is the president of the Australian Soccer Federation?
2. Name the three Greek players in the South Melbourne Hellas pool for the night soccer?
3. Dick Van Alphen, the former Wilhelmina centre half was recently transferred from Hakoah to a Queensland side. Name the side Van Alphen has joined?
4. Which Everton player scored two goals in their 3-2 F.A. cup-final win over Sheffield Wednesday in 1966?
5. Who was Wilhelm's coach before Brian Edgeley?
6. A catch question? Two Fife teams beat Glasgow Rangers in successive Scottish First Division League matches recently. Who were they?
7. Who defeated North Korea in the quarter-finals of the 1966 World Cup?
8. Two well known soccer identities in New South Wales are both named Parsons. Give their first names and what they do in the game?
9. Who is the longest serving first team regular with Hakoah?
10. Who were runners-up for the State League title in 1969?

Now turn to Page 10 for your answers.



J.U.S.T. goalkeeper Milisavjevic fails to stop a fierce shot by Alistair Scott entering the net to give Melbourne the lead. But Footscray fought back to grab a 1-1 draw.





Above: Footscray J.U.S.T. goalkeeper Milisavjevic slithers to the ground in a last desperate dive to stop a Melbourne attack. The game ended in a 1-1 draw.



Left: Two luckless players are drenched by a shower of mud during the 1-1 draw between J.U.S.T. and Melbourne at the weekend.

Right: Alexander goalkeeper Kennedy shows the agility of a cat as he climbs above Ackerley of Hellas, to stop a dangerous attack.



Alexander's Fokianos, on ground in stripes, is suddenly in a sea of Hellas players, who are, left to right, Bedford, Kelly, Kokkinos, and Gorrie.

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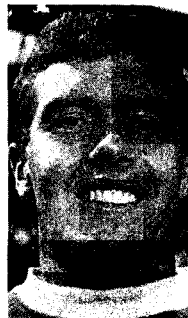
Brazil's World Cup team crushed Chile 5-0 in a friendly soccer international on Sunday.

The Brazilians, playing for the first time under their new trainer, Mario Jorge Lobo Zagalo, took the lead after four minutes through Roberto.

Roberto scored again in the 30th minute and goals followed from Gerson and Pele (2).

Chile played with only 10 men from the seventh minute after referee Armando Marques sent off Cassely.

Zagalo, 39, took over as trainer last Tuesday after the controversial Joao Saldanha had been fired following a dispute with the technical committee of the Brazilian World Cup team.



Scott on transfer

Alex Scott, above, the former Glasgow Rangers and Everton winger who played many times for Scotland, has been handed a free transfer by Hibernians.

Scott, now 32, was one of the shining lights of the Everton side which toured Australia in 1964.

ISRAEL IN 5-1 WIN

Israel beat the Ethiopian national soccer team 5-1 in a "warm-up" match for the World Cup finals in Mexico in June. The Israelis led 3-0 at half-time.

In the World Cup, Israel plays in Group Two with Italy, Sweden and Uruguay.

Taffy's Tips for the

With only SEVEN scoring Draws and SIX scoreless ones on Saturday, first prize dividends in the Treble Chance Pools will be paid out on 23 points.

AND THE TOP ODDS WILL BE HIGH. In fact they should hit near record pay-out figures for 23 pointers because of the fall of the draws on the lists, and they will not be pleasing to the perm. punters hence the expected record dividends.

Minor prize - money should also be high.

The break-up of the Draws was five in the Second Division, three in the Third, four in the Fourth and one in the Scottish First Division.

It's a long time since there were no Draws in the First Division, and the four in the Fourth were all scoreless.

The Balance of the coupons was 13 Aways and 29 Home winners. There were not many turn-ups to sort of upset the form book so the dividends in the Four Aways also the Eight and Nine Results Pools will not be too great.

Although there was only one each less the previous week the odds paid surprised me for the last two mentioned Pools.

Here are the dividends in sterling currency for Saturday, March 14, when there were only

Nine scoring Draws and three scoreless ones with one void match making in all four two-pointers:—

LITTLEWOODS
Treble Chance Pool: 24 points, £100,658 for a penny; 23 points, £1,419 19s.; 22 points, £79 5s.; 21 points, £10 15s.; 20 points, £1 5s.
Twelve Match Results Pool: 12 correct, £768 12s. for 2d.; 11 correct, £12 8s.; 10 correct, £1.

Three Draws: 48s.
Nine Results: 500s.
Four Aways: 112s.

VERNONS
Treble Chance Pool: 24 points, £21,002 16s. for a farthing; 23 points, £438 17s.; 22 points, £17 8s.; 21 points, £1 15s.
Twelve Match Results Pool: 12 correct, £1,034 for 2d.; 11 correct, £31; 10 correct, £1 16s.

Three Draws: 40s.
Nine Results: 500s.
Four Aways: 188s.
Simple Six: 324s.

The odds all round on the Pools for the above was one of the highest pay-outs for the season for all Pools.

By the way did you notice there was no postponed or void matches last Saturday, quite a change from recent months.

Next Saturday week will be the last Saturday for a full round of English League games, the English and Scottish F.A.

Cup Finals will be on the following Saturday, April 11, but because of the large number of postponed matches this year, the present season will no doubt be extended.

Even at this stage the fight for promotion and relegation is far from over so keep on expecting those shock results to come off.

So for last official fixtures of the English Leagues on NEXT SATURDAY WEEK, APRIL 4 (Scottish Leagues go on till April 18), the following should win at Home for the stake-saving plan:—

EIGHT AND NINE RESULTS

Leeds United,
* Liverpool,
* Manchester City,
* Blackpool,
* Leicester City,
* Oxford United,
* Portsmouth,
* Leyton Orient,
* Chesterfield,
* Notts County,
* Swansea City,
* Wrexham,
* Celtic,
Dundee,
Barnsfield Town,
Bournemouth.

FOUR AWAYS
* Everton,
* Huddersfield Town,
Luton Town,
* Bradford City.

* Dunfermline,
Northampton Town.

THREE DRAWS
Chelsea v. Tottenham,
Bristol City v.
Sheffield United,
Grimsby Town v.
Southend United.

Now for the big money with those elusive eight draws, I select the following:—

TREBLE CHANCE POOLS

Arsenal v.
West Ham United
* Chelsea v. Tottenham,
Newcastle United v.
Manchester United,
* Birmingham City v.
Hull City,
Bolton Wanderers v.
Carlisle United,
* Bristol City v.
Sheffield United,
* Middlesbrough v.
Cardiff City,
Doncaster Rovers v.
Shrewsbury Town,
* Plymouth Argyle v.
Bristol Rovers,
* Bradford v.
Scunthorpe United,
Brentford v. Chester,
* Grimsby Town v.
Southend United,
* Aberdeen v. Hearts,
Kilmarnock v. Rangers.

* Indicates best selections

Till next week, and in the meantime keep your eyes on the local form, Good Luck, Pools' Punters.

TAFFY.

Club corner

R.S.C. ANDERLECHT

Formed in 1908, Anderlecht play their normal matches at Stade Verre, Parc Astrid, and big games at Stade du Centenaire, Brux Heysele.

The club have had a fantastic run as Belgium League champions since they first clinched the title in 1947. Best season was in 1962-63, when they knocked Real Madrid out of the European Cup in the first round.

Anderlecht went to the quarter-finals, when they dramatically lost 4-1 at home to Dundee — despite having most of the play.

Great players who have represented the club include Josef Mermans, from Antwerp, Jeff Jurion, a polished schemer from a village near Brussels, and Paul Van Himst, a centre or inside-forward and one of the greatest in Belgium.

ATHLETICO MADRID

Formed in 1922, the club became Atletico Avacione (Air Force Athletic) after the Spanish Civil War. The name lasted until the end of World War II.

Original members of the Spanish First Division, Athletic had a four-year spell in the Second Division from 1930 to 1934, then bounced back to win the top Spanish League and Cup honors quite a few times.

Greatest success came in 1963, when they reached the final of the European Cup Winners' Cup competition — only to be hammered 5-1 by Tottenham Hotspur.

BOLTON WANDERERS

Formed in 1874 by pupils and teachers of Christ Church Sunday School, Bolton were known as Christ Church F.C. until 1877, when they adopted their present title.

Among the original members of the English League Bolton has been relegated to the Second Division five times. Yet they have won the F.A. Cup four times.

Outstanding players of the past have been Ted Vizard, their outside-left for 21 years, Joe Smith, one of the few men to have won an F.A. Cup Medal as a player and managed a Cup-winning side, and that great centre-forward, Nat Lofthouse.

Barred - now he must 'swot' rules

The English Football Association through their Disciplinary Committee recently meted out what is perhaps the most novel punishment yet to a player.

The player, Alan King, of Tranmere Rovers, was suspended for a month, fined £25 for three cautions and ordered to make a study of the rule book and sit for a written examination before the end of the season.

Delving into King's past, it was found he had piled up 17 cautions over the past seven seasons. King said of the F.A. decision: "It makes me feel a bit of a fool. But I have no alternative but to get a copy of the rules and start studying for my first written exam since the 11 plus."

Tranmere manager Mr. David Russell said this to say: "The F.A. test paper will be the same as given to referees. And the exam, held under our supervision just like a schoolroom, will conclude with the results being sent to the F.A."

A Football Association spokesman said: "As a result of his studies and examination King should have a better insight into the problems of a referee."

Problem for French First Division club Marseilles is an 18-stone woman supporter with a 62-inch waist — she just can't get through

World round-up

the turnstiles into the ground.

She has been allowed to enter the ground by a goods entrance, but the club are demanding that she pays double as she occupies two places on the terraces.

A little less than is expected of French courtesy!

"King" Pele may be one of the world's best footballers but he is not an ace at mathematics. In recent secondary

school exams the Brazilian and world star got mediocre ratings in maths, history and Portuguese language studies — but above average marks in English, biology and geography.

The special exams are part of a curriculum for Pele to apply for his secondary school diploma, the one thing he needs to enrol at the physical education school at Santos.

Pele passed his entrance to the university

level school late last year on the understanding he would submit proof-of-completion at the secondary course.

He is now braced for initiation at the school, where the veterans are planning to dye his hair blond instead of simply shaving his head which is the traditional practice.

The latest idea from Ireland's League selector and Bangor vice-chairman Jimmy Apperson is that bookies should be

allowed to stand inside soccer grounds.

Says Jimmy: "Betting shops are bulging at the door on Saturday afternoon. So if we offered the same service, we'd have the punters inside the ground instead of outside."

Brian Hancock, former Croatia right-winger now playing with Edinburgh and District club Newtowngrange Star, has three younger brothers who are all tipped to go far in soccer.

Jimmy Hancock, 18, is now playing full-back for Stirling Albion. Sixteen-year-old Stephen is already on a "5" form for Glasgow Celtic, while this twin brother Gavin, a Scottish schoolboy international, is tipped to join the professional ranks soon.

Star player of Standard Liege, who fell to Leeds United in the quarter-final of the European Cup, is Sylvester Takacs, a Yugoslav international who played for Vojvodina.

It's not so long back since Alan Hudson, the 18-year-old wing-half of F.A. Cup Finalists Chelsea, was playing soccer in a London Park.

Now Hudson is rated as the greatest prospect to England since the days of the late Duncan Edwards — a victim of the Manchester United air disaster at Munich in 1958.

Shorts from the world scene

• When Fiorentina beat Dynamo Kiev in Russia late last season they became the first Italian side to beat a Russian club side.

• Greenock Morton, the Scottish First Division club, may tour Australia, Hong Kong and New Zealand in May or June this year.

• Feyenoord, one of the leading club sides in Holland, have Ove Kindvall, the Swedish international in their side.

• Brazil's World Cup side were recently beaten 2-0 by the Argentine in a friendly match. After a goalless first half, Mas put Argentina ahead in the 67th minute and five minutes later Conigliaro added a second from a penalty.

• English First Division side Southampton are to play seven matches in a three-week tour of the Far East in May and June.

PLAYERS WANTED

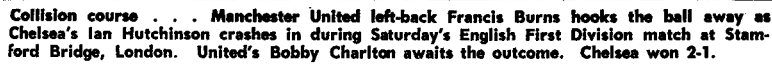
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Chelsea held on to third

ENGLISH DIVISION		W D L F A Pts				
Brighton	21	13	10	50	52	51
Exeter	18	6	12	38	38	38
Stratford	18	8	8	72	49	49
Latton Town	12	18	2	62	39	39
Stratford	12	18	2	62	39	39
Barnley	16	13	11	38	50	45
Bradford City	9	17	13	43	40	41
Sheff Wed	10	16	12	40	40	40
Manfield	16	8	11	50	38	40
Rotherham	13	14	12	54	43	43
Sheff Wed	10	16	12	40	40	40
Halifax Town	13	12	14	44	51	39
Torquay	12	14	12	52	38	38
Sheff Wed	10	16	12	40	40	40
Hyamouth	14	9	15	47	47	37
Doncaster	10	16	12	40	47	37
Sheff Wed	10	16	12	40	40	40
Southport	11	9	16	41	44	31
Walsal	12	7	15	56	34	34
Sheff Wed	10	16	12	40	40	40
Tranmere	9	10	16	41	65	28
Billingham	7	13	21	39	72	27
Sheff Wed	10	16	12	40	40	40
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SCOTTISH DIVISION		W D L F A Pts				
Cowdenbeath	21	6	7	32	39	39
Falkirk	18	10	8	46	46	46
Queen of South	18	5	7	62	44	44
Arbroath	18	5	7	62	44	44
Partick	18	5	7	62	44	44
Partick	18	5	7	62	44	44
Alloa	17	3	10	57	36	36
Dumbarton	15	6	9	45	36	36
Partick	18	5	7	62	44	44
East Fife	13	14	15	53	33	33
Montrose	11	6	24	50	25	25
Partick	18	5	7	62	44	44
Clydebank	8	14	10	48	58	25
East Stirling	9	8	14	48	58	25
Partick	18	5	7	62	44	44
Stenhousemuir	9	15	10	52	22	22
Albion Rovers	9	13	5	57	28	28
Partick	18	5	7	62	44	44
Brechin City	8	14	14	34	34	34
Hamilton Acad.	7	4	21	36	27	27

IRISH LEAGUE
Ards 2, Linfield 3.
Coleraine 1, Cliftonville 0.
Crusaders 0, Derry City 3.
Distillery 2, Portlaoise 0.
Glenavon 3, Ballymena Utd. 0.
Glenrath 2, Bangor 0.

It has been obvious in this season's international matches that England are making efforts to avoid committing themselves to the tackle while concentrating instead on interceptions.

Orient also won to keep second place, but third and fourth clubs Bristol Rovers and Luton received setbacks to their promotion chances by losing.

Celtic scored their three goals in the second-half. Bobby Lennox netted after 50 minutes and then Willie Wallace added goals in the 61st and 63rd minutes.

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SOCCER BOOK OF THE WEEK

by Jim Barker

Making it easy to learn the rules

There is no doubt that the more you know about soccer, the more pleasure it is possible to get from the game.

So I am very pleased this week to have an opportunity to review an important and interesting new book — an official publication of the English Football Association, "THE F.A. GUIDE TO THE LAWS OF THE GAME", which uses a revolutionary new technique devised by Learning Systems Ltd.

This form of "programmed" learning is intended to teach the laws of the game to potential referees, but it is also bound to be of interest to players, officials and supporters — in fact to anybody who wishes to improve their grasp over what is basically a game of great simplicity.

There are but 17 laws to be learned, and I doubt there has ever been a more simple way of learning more thoroughly just what they are and how they should be applied in a game situation.

The book has an unusual layout, being in four separate sections.

It reads not just conventionally from front to back, but also has to be turned upside down and read in the reverse direction.

Once you get the hang of the layout you will really enjoy ploughing through it.

The question and answer and recall question technique allows you to proceed at your own pace, moving faster or slower, depending on just how quickly you grasp and understand each page.

A referee has to dispense justice whilst receiving none from the large measure of spectators. Read this book and you will see his job in a more sympathetic

light and — stranger things have happened — you might find that you will even agree with his decisions occasionally.

At \$2.15 the book is not cheap, but still represents a worthwhile buy, if not a bargain.

It can be obtained from the Technical Book Store in Swanston St., Melbourne.

Frankston to back candidate

Frankston City are calling a meeting of all soccer clubs in Frankston for tonight.

Object of the meeting is to decide ways and means of supporting common contender, Mr Don Stone at the forthcoming local elections.

Mr Stone, local businessman, is standing as an Independent, and his platform is intimately connected with the youth of the area.

He is a director of W. R. Rigby & Co. Ltd., Builders in Frankston.

An enthusiastic Soccer man, his concern for youth makes him an ideal candidate for all voters in the East Ward, to support.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Mr. Arthur George.
2. Kiriari, Kambourpoulos, Kokkinos.
3. Hollandia.
4. Mike Trebilcock.
5. Les Courrier.
6. Raith Rovers and Dunfermline. And can only be this pair as the other two file clubs — East Fife and Cowdenbeath, are in the Second Division.
7. Portugal.
8. Frank Parsons (leading official, Harold Parsons (referee)).
9. Alan Stenhouse.
10. Juventus.

Ringwood link-up fizzles

The plan for Ringwood United and Ringwood City to link-up to join together in a combined Yarra Valley Sports Club has fizzled out for lack of support.

United will now presumably return to their ground at the Ben Hubbard reserve, where the local council have recently completed major ground works.



Kiriari (Fitzroy United Alexander) flies high to head the ball away from South Melbourne Hellas striker Kokkinos in Sunday's match. Serge Walter picture.

As I see it.

by **GEORGE YELLAND**

Here we go again! The three ring circus is back in town and gave its first 1970 performance last Wednesday week.

Our Disciplinary Tribunal demonstrated a complete lack of understanding of Soccer Law and the seriousness of offences in the eyes of F.I.F.A.

Boulis Kambourpoulos put on a disgraceful act, at Olympic Park, in the replayed Night Final. Similar displays, in times past, have caused riots and lawless scenes at Soccer matches in Victoria.

With a fine sense of responsibility and recognition of the serious nature of the offence, the South Melbourne Hellas committee FINED THE PLAYER \$100 AND SUSPENDED HIM FOR TWO WEEKS.

The incident was, quite rightly, reported by Referee Roger Lamb and Kambourpoulos faced the Tribunal.

Penalty imposed — FINED \$20 and NO suspension.

Earlier in the series, that rough and tumble, hard tackling Croatia wing half, Horst Rau, was sent off for VIOLENT CONDUCT.

All who saw the incident, when Rau flattened the opposing goalkeeper, had no doubt that the dismissal was a just one.

The Tribunal regarded the incident so seriously that they recorded a verdict of SENDING OFF WAS SUFFICIENT PUNISHMENT.

Away we go to another season of joy for the larrikins and behind the hand smirks for club officials.

Management to blame

The State League Management are fairly and squarely to blame. They are the clubs and naturally want to preserve a system which soft pedals treatment of their "bad boys."

Players and officials go along to the Tribunal and lie unmercifully about incidents which have brought them before the Disciplinary body. They appear to lie effectively, for punishment seldom fits the crime.

Tribunal lets game down

After a Tribunal hearing, I spoke to one club official on the subject and his reply was, "Well, we have to do what we can to get our players off."

No suggestion that the well being of Soccer, and its future, should be the prime consideration.

No realisation that a strong and competent Tribunal could and should clean the game up.

Just the parochial and short sighted club interest is the ONLY thing that matters.

The public image of the game, its standing in sporting AND business circles, means nothing to these people. When, if ever, will they learn?

Discipline a joke

As presently constituted and administered, Soccer Discipline is a joke in Victoria.

The dice is loaded in favour of the player.

He appears before the Tribunal, along with officials, all prepared to lie themselves black in the face.

The referee merely sends in a report, in writing, which is challenged, verbally torn to shreds, and made to sound as though he was blind, or not even on the field.

This is wrong, unjust and harmful.

Players and officials should NOT appear at Soccer House. The system should be simplified and brought into line with International practice.

A player, sent off, should be reported by the referee, in duplicate.

A copy of the charge should be sent to the club, and the player should answer it IN WRITING.

One copy of the referee's report, and the player's answer, should then be handed to the Tribunal. The Tribunal would sit ONCE each month on a pre-determined date, to consider these cases and

deal out appropriate punishments.

A player-would continue playing until his case was heard.

If a player did not reply to the charge within four days of posting of same, his case would be dealt with on the referee's report.

Should a player feel he had been unfairly treated by the referee, he must always have the right to ask for a personal hearing.

Player posts bond

To cut out frivolous appearances, he must be required to post a bond when he makes the request.

If the verdict goes against him, he forfeits the bond, pays the costs of the personal hearing, and is sentenced according to the Tribunal's findings.

In the last analysis, the important thing is to have a Tribunal steeped in Soccer experience and a profound knowledge of Soccer law.

Men dedicated to the game itself.

Men who, like the vast majority of Soccer lovers, want to see our game cleaned up, so that it can be the skilful, crowd pleasing sport it was intended to be.

It is not a game for the bad artists. The ball players must be protected from them.

There is little enough artistry in Soccer in Victoria.

We must not let it be wiped out altogether because of weakness in dealing with violent conduct.

It is a pathetic hope, but still a hope, that club officials will remove the blindfold from their eyes before it is too late. Sound discipline is the corner stone on which effective Soccer is built.

Soccer's Enemies

Who are the real Enemies of Soccer?

In a frank, fearless and startling article next week SOCCER NEWS will lift the lid on the dirtiest deal in Australian sport — the blatant discrimination by news media and others which is preventing the growth of Soccer, the only international sport, in this country.

Australian TV, Press and Radio have for years given this great game the cold shoulder because they fear its international flavor could sweep it to the top as the No. 1 winter sport.

Soccer-minded migrants are up in arms about this injustice. It's time a voice was raised in support of Soccer, and SOCCER NEWS intends to start the ball rolling.

Read "The Enemies of Soccer" next week.

State League Fixtures

Lack of space prevented the full season's fixtures being printed in last week's SOCCER NEWS. The end of season rounds and final dates below complete the list.

Sunday, August 30
Footscray J.U.S.T. v. Polonia
Fitzroy U. Alexander v. Juventus
Sth. Melb. Hellas v. George Cross

ROUND 20
Saturday, September 5
Pt. Melb. Slavia v. Fitzroy U. Alexander
Polonia v. Ringwood C. Wilhelmina
Hakoah v. Lions

Sunday, September 6
George Cross v. Croatia
Juventus v. Footscray J.U.S.T.
Melbourne v. Sth. Melb. Hellas

ROUND 21
Saturday, September 12
Hakoah v. Polonia
Footscray J.U.S.T. v. Pt. Melb. Slavia
Croatia v. Melbourne

Sunday, September 13
Ringwood C. Wilhelmina v. Juventus
Fitzroy U. Alexander v. George Cross
Lions v. Sth. Melb. Hellas

ROUND 22
Saturday, September 19
Melbourne v. Fitzroy U. Alexander
Juventus v. Hakoah
George Cross v. Footscray J.U.S.T.

Sunday, September 20
Sth. Melb. Hellas v. Croatia
Polonia v. Lions
Pt. Melb. Slavia v. R'wood C. Wilhelmina

Sunday, September 27
DOCKERTY CUP FINAL
Sat./Sunday, October 3 and 4
STATE LEAGUE CUP

Sat./Sunday, October 10 and 11
STATE LEAGUE CUP
Sat./Sunday, October 17 and 18
STATE LEAGUE CUP

Sunday, October 25
STATE LEAGUE CUP FINAL

Seven drops Stuart Beaton



Last Sunday saw a new face on Channel 7's "World of Sport" program.

The advent of this new soccer commentator brings to an end an era. For 9½ years Stuart Beaton has carried the banner of Soccer on Melbourne television. During this time he made over 350 appearances on ABV2 and HSV7. Often controversial, always knowledgeable, he has fought prejudice and restriction to publicise and uplift soccer in this State.

Sponsored by London Stores, Stuart Beaton and Alex Barr broadcast on behalf of soccer for 19 years, starting at 3U2 in 1950. Later they moved to 3KZ and broadcast regularly until radio stations decided to eliminate soccer from their programs. Stuart Beaton came to Australia in 1948 at the age of 27.

He has spent a lifetime in soccer, and played for Killermont in the West of Scotland League, 1st Division. He was also Secretary-Treasurer of the club for 12 years.

He played several games with Queens Park, whose home ground is Scotland's famous Hampden Park. To use Stuart's own words, "I wasn't really good enough to make the big time".

He became part time Secretary of the Victorian Soccer Association in 1949. In 1957 he was appointed full-time Secretary-Manager, a position he held through the formation of the V.S.F., until 1963.

The manner of his passing from the TV scene leaves a sour note. He received no notification in writing and only found out when he phoned the station for the THIRD time to enquire when soccer was to be brought back into the World of Sport program.

The producer said finally that they were employing only Herald-Sun staff men, and Stuart was to be replaced with one.

It is to be hoped that his replacement will attend soccer games as regularly as Stuart did, so that reports may be first hand.

Stuart went to considerable trouble to get names and facts right.

A couple of points for the new man: Referee Dixon's first name is Jim, not John; Steele of Slavia is not "Billy", but "Russell".

Many able and willing personalities have crossed the soccer scene in Victoria, only to be allowed to pass into obscurity — men steeped in soccer, with qualifications sadly needed in the game here.

Stuart Beaton is such a man.

His experience as Secretary, Secretary-Treasurer and Secretary-Manager, are such that he could be of inestimable value to one of our State League clubs.

I know he is anxious to continue in the game he loves, and no doubt some enterprising club will soon avail themselves of his services.

Consulate sponsors junior competition

The junior competition for the Italian Consulate trophies will kick off on Friday.

All matches will be played at Sumner Park, East Brunswick.

The trophies, for under 14's and under 16's, will be presented on Monday by the Italian vice-consul, Dr Luigi Mercolini.

Fixtures, Under 14:

Friday:
Fawkner v. Juventus.

Saturday:
Juventus v. APIA

Sunday:
APIA v. Fawkner

Monday:
Final.

Under 16's:

Friday:
Juventus v. George Cross

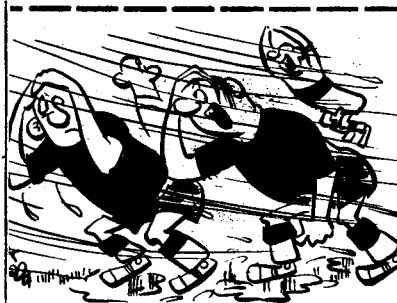
Saturday:
APIA v. Juventus

Sunday:
George Cross v. APIA

Monday:
Final.

Juventus, sponsor of the tournament, is trying to have the APIA v. Juventus under-16 game played at Olympic Park, as a curtain-raiser to the Lions v. Juventus match.

Finalists will be decided on number of games won and goal average if necessary.



"Just wait till the second half when we have the wind with us."

Metropolitan First Division club Preston Make-donia are negotiating with Croatia for the transfer of ex - Scottish international Duncan McKay.

McKay could be a guiding force in the Preston side's attempt to regain State League status.

George Cross goalkeeper John Dochery and Juventus right-back Brian Healey are available for transfer.

W.A. U16 team in Malaysia

Kuala Lumpur (AAP-Reuters). — A West Australian under-18 State soccer team arrived here yesterday from Singapore for three matches in Malaysia before going to Indonesia.

There are 18 players and two officials in the group.

The Australians will play their first match on March 26 against a Selangor combined schools side in Kuala Lumpur, a Football Association of Malaysia spokesman said.

They will travel north to Ipoh next day for a match against the Perak

State combined schools team.

The visitors' last match in Malaysia will be against the Penang schools on March 30.

They will leave for Medan the next day for a series of games in Indonesia before returning home on April 8.

This is the second visit of a West Australian under-18 side.

Ringwood City's new signings

Archie Campbell, former Victorian and George Cross star, signed for Ringwood City late last week and turned out against his old club in the opening match of the season at Schintler Reserve.

The fee for Archie is reputed to be \$1000.

Bobby Adam has also returned to the fold and will meet two other new signings, Dincer Okur, from Turkish Second Division club Altin Dag, which means Golden Mountain, and Archie Sproule, a utility player from Scotland.

QANTAS may sponsor state league cup



★ SOCCER SIDELINES

The V.S.F. Board of Management announces that negotiations are going ahead with Australia's overseas airline, Qantas, for sponsorship of this year's State League Cup.

A letter has been sent requesting Qantas to consider the sponsorship, and there is reason to believe they will co-operate.

Qantas are always ready to lend their support to sporting activities, and soccer will be fortunate to get backing from the world-famous airline.

When Croatia won the triple crown of Victorian soccer in 1968, one of the key figures in their success was arch stopper Billy McArthur.

Last year he had differences with the club, and has not played for them since their 3-1 defeat of Juventus in last season's Dockerty Cup Final. Reliable sources suggest that McArthur and Croatia may settle their differences very soon.

At time of going to press a meeting was being arranged to this end.

It is to be hoped the outcome is positive, and we may see McArthur in action once more.

His sterling play delighted fans in Melbourne and he has been missed.

Frankston City have been donated a beautiful 24-inch cup by manager Mr. Hans Gussenhoven, for under 8s competition.

Mr. Gussenhoven, proprietor of Gussenhoven Paint Services of Frankston, is devoted to junior soccer players, and is always thinking out ways and means of encouraging them.

Mr. Norm Jones, public relations officer, says the club will seek V.S.F. permission and co-operation of referees in running a lightning premiership for under 8s during the intervals of senior home games.

Games would be of six minutes each way, and all clubs in the Peninsula area are invited to participate. Further details may be obtained from Mr. Jones on phone number 783-6617 or Mr. Bob Oxley, secretary of Frankston City Juniors, phone no. 783-8375.

Apla defeated Makooah (Sydney) 2-0 in the final of the N.S.W. Ampol Cup last Sunday.

They will now meet South Melbourne Hellas in a two-legged interstate Ampol championship.

The teams will meet in Sydney on April 5, and

the return game will be played in Melbourne on April 29.

South Melbourne Hellas figured in last year's final, but were beaten on aggregate by Sydney Frigate.

In a shock move last Sunday, Jimmy Millar asked Polonia for a transfer after the game with Juventus.

Last season Millar, Jimmy Malloy and David Closs were signed by Polonia from Juventus, in an effort to lift the side from the relegation zone.

The signings did the trick and Polonia got out of trouble.

The ex-Juventus men put new life into Polonia, and Millar's request for a transfer came as something of a surprise.

Jimmy played with Motherwell in Scottish First Division, before moving to Paisley, where Juventus brought him to Melbourne.

He had a five-year spell with the Italian-sponsored club before moving to Maribyrnong.

A forceful, terrier-like link man, Jimmy was unlucky not to get State recognition. He would be an ideal signing for any one of several struggling State League clubs.

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F.I.F.A.-and the WORLD CUP

Together with the International Olympic Committee, F.I.F.A. is the largest and most successful sporting organisation in the world.

England, the home of Football, strangely had no part in the formation of F.I.F.A.

In 1902, a Dutch banker named Hirschman approached the English F.A. for help in forming an international body and the staging of a championship event — the first seed of what was to be the World Cup.

He met a blank wall of indifference, as did Robert Guerin, of the French Sports Union who also tried and failed a year later.

And so, despairing of English co-operation, Hirschman and Guerin joined forces. On the 21st May, 1904 at a meeting in Paris, delegates from Belgium, Holland, France, Denmark, Sweden, Spain and Switzerland met, and the Federation Internationale de Football Association was born.

Professionalism

At the 1926 F.I.F.A. congress, Henri Delaunay, the French secretary expressed the view that World football competition could no longer be confined to the Olympic Games.

"Many countries where professionalism now exists

can no longer be represented by their best players," he said.

In 1928, F.I.F.A. passed a resolution to hold a World Cup tournament at once.

Jules Rimet, President of the World body from 1920 until 1954, was the inspiration and guiding figure during the difficult early years, and in recognition of his contribution to the game the Cup was to be known as the Jules Rimet Cup.

Uruguay first

The first competition in 1930 was not played, as might have been expected, in one of the founder nations in Europe, but instead went to South America.

Uruguay, who had previously come to Europe to take out the Olympic titles in both 1924 and 1928, were chosen as first host nation.

Of the European nations only Belgium, France, Romania and Yugoslavia

made the trip. Distance and the need to pay players for two extra months led to the withdrawal of most of the big countries.

The United States — not for the only time — provided the first big surprise, qualifying for the semi-final by beating Belgium and Paraguay before going out 6-1 to Argentina.

On July 30, 1930 Uruguay deservedly won the first World Cup Final by beating Argentina 4-2. Montevideo went wild.

The following day was declared a national holiday.

This table has been compiled from the results of all final series games played by the nations who have qualified for Mexico.

Brazil, the only team in the world to take part in all eight series stand proudly at the top no matter how you read the table.

Most games played; most wins; most goals scored and highest number of points. A staggering performance that covers the whole of the 40 year history of the World Cup.

Full details of this and all subsequent series are:

	Winner	Runner-up	Third
Montevideo 1930	Uruguay	Argentina	No award
Italy 1934	Italy	Czechoslovakia	Germany
France 1938	Italy	Hungary	Brazil
Brazil 1950	Uruguay	Brazil	Sweden
Switzerland 1954	Germany	Hungary	Austria
Sweden 1958	Brazil	Sweden	France
Chile 1962	Brazil	Czechoslovakia	Chile
England 1966	England	Germany	Portugal

JULES RIMET CUP

Performance Table	Final Series
P W D L F A Pts. Av.	
Brazil	32 20 6 6 84 42 46 1.43
Italy	19 12 2 5 37 18 26 1.36
Uruguay	20 12 3 5 52 28 27 1.35
Germany	27 15 5 7 65 47 35 1.29
U.S.S.R.	13 7 2 4 22 16 16 1.23
England	19 8 6 5 30 23 22 1.15
Sweden	14 7 2 5 34 31 16 1.14
Czechoslovakia	18 8 3 7 29 27 19 1.05
Rumania	4 1 0 3 5 9 2 .5
Belgium	3 0 1 2 6 11 1 .33
Mexico	14 1 2 11 12 38 4 .28
Bulgaria	6 0 1 5 2 15 1 .16
Peru	2 0 0 2 1 4 0 .00

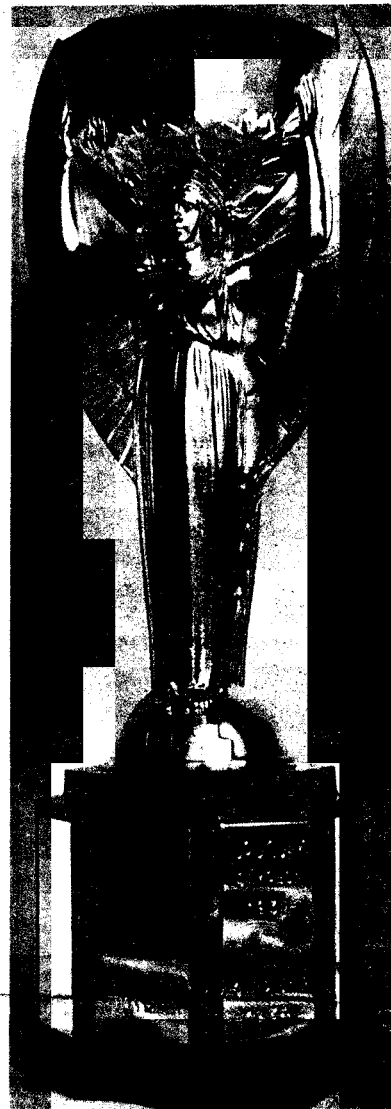
Brazil comfortably heads this specially compiled table, which indicates the full final series record in all previous World Cups of all nations competing at Mexico City.

Italy and Uruguay, who with Brazil have each won the Cup twice, take second and third places respectively with those tough

Cup-fighters, Germany, fourth.

Luckless Peru, competing in their second final series, have yet to grab a win, and just take bottom place from Bulgaria.

In the coming weeks this column will review the past records of each competing nation, and analyse prospects for 1970.



Jules Rimet Cup

The Prospects

Belgium

Got There. Quickly, in fact in late 1968 becoming the first nation to qualify for Mexico. Beating luckless Finland twice by hand-some margins the Belgians quickly and surprisingly thrashed Yugoslavia to establish an early lead in Pool 6. A draw against Spain in December 1968 followed by a win in Brussels early next year guaranteed a place in the finals even though four matches in the group remained to be played.

Finland	1	Belgium	2
Belgium	6	Finland	1
Belgium	3	Y'slavia	0
Spain	1	Belgium	1
Belgium	2	Spain	1
Y'slavia	4	Belgium	0

Previous Record

P W D L F A Pts.
1938 1 0 0 1 1 3 0
1954 2 0 1 1 5 8 1

Eliminated by host nation France in the first round of the Paris World Cup, Belgium had little better luck sixteen years later when after holding England to a great 4-4

draw after extra time at Basel they were unceremoniously thrashed 4-1 by a strong Italian side at Lugano and a few days later so finishing bottom of Pool IV which also included their Swiss hosts.

With a refreshing change from the age old policy that all international players should come from top clubs like Standard Liege and Anderlecht, new national coach Raymond Goethals has built up a successful side.

Still meeting problems in getting his chosen side together for regular training their success in the final series will largely develop on their ability to achieve a tactical unity which was missing last October when they ran into a heavy defeat in Yugoslavia. A calm, cool side with little individual brilliance, they can only have an outside chance in Mexico.

Drawn in Group One against Mexico, the third time running they have come up with a host nation, they also have the even tougher prospect of the Soviet Union to face

before they can qualify for the semi-finals for the first time.

Forecast

A good bet for third place in their group. They will not progress through to the next round.

Games to be played at MEXICO CITY.

Bulgaria

Got There. Putting paid to a hard as nails Polish side who actually had more wins in the group than Bulgaria. Holland, a much fancied team in the early stages beat luckless Luxembourg twice but those games apart put up a series of very mediocre performances, leaving the group wide open to Bulgaria who quickly chalked up victories against the other three nations, so preparing the way for eventual success.

PREVIOUS RECORD
P W D L F A Pts.
1962 3 0 1 2 1 7 1
1966 3 0 0 3 1 8 0

Second bottom in the performance table to luckless Peru, Bulgaria came up against the hardest single group in the Chile World Cup. Argentina, Hungary and England effectively blocked their progress and sent them packing for home with just one point for their trouble and gained after a goalless draw with England at Rancagua.

That one point still represents their best performance to date because the 1966 games at Old Trafford and Everton saw Portugal, Hungary and Brazil slam eight goals

past Naidenov and Simeonov. Asparoukhov scored the Bulgars lone goal in the Hungary match.

Draw in the Leon Group against Morocco, Peru and West Germany Bulgaria must have a chance if those sterling cup fighters from Germany slip up. A clever, forceful side they should chalk up their first final series win and do well.

FORECAST Will run Germany a close second.

Games to be played at LEON.

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Peru and Rumania



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